



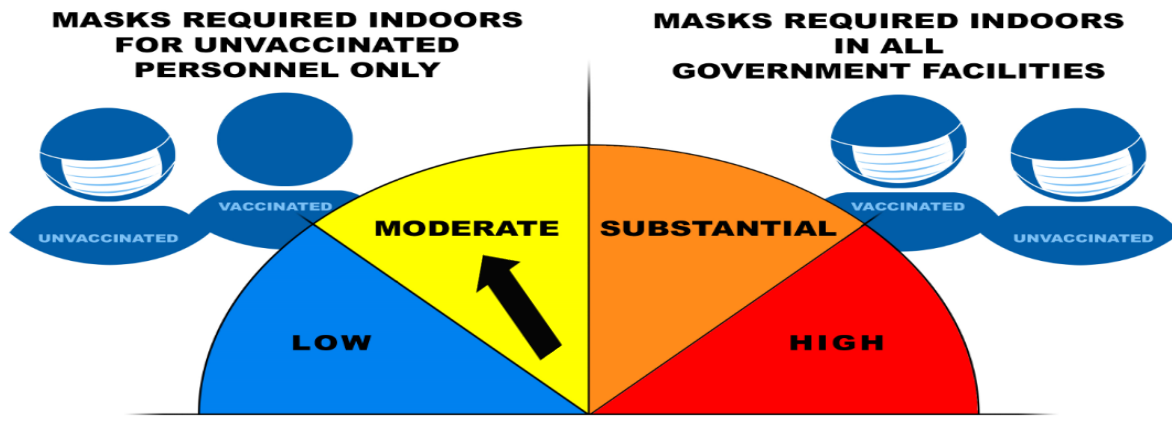
# FICA COVID-19 RESPONSE FACT SHEET

(YELLOW HASH)

As of 2 March 2022

## Policy Changes and Updates

### LEVEL OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION RATE



**COVID UPDATE:** Fort Irwin remains at Health Protection Condition Alpha. Infection rate has drastically declined; Fort Irwin has now reached “Moderate Level of Spread.” This will be re-evaluated next week.

#### 1. COVID Vaccination Policy:

- At HPCON Alpha, gyms, fitness centers, and all dining establishments may operate at 100% capacity.
- The COVID vaccine is available to all TriCare beneficiaries age 5 and up. All eligible personnel are encouraged to receive the vaccine.
- In accordance with the SECDEF memo dated 24 Aug 21, all Active Duty Soldiers assigned to Fort Irwin, who are not otherwise exempt, must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Everyone ages 12 and older are strongly encouraged to receive a COVID Booster Shot.** Commands will report the number of Soldiers eligible and complete with booster shots to the NTC Surgeon every Friday. Individuals are eligible for the Booster 5 months after receiving the second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine 2-dose series, or 2 months after receiving the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.
- Soldiers and Family members may schedule their vaccination at <https://go.usa.gov/xHgSE> (Use Internet Explorer). **Vaccines are available at WACH every Thursday from 1400-1700.**
- For any questions related to vaccine availability and scheduling, please contact [usarmy.irwin.medcom-wach.mbx.covid@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.irwin.medcom-wach.mbx.covid@mail.mil).
- Free COVID-19 at-home test kits are available at [www.covidtests.gov](http://www.covidtests.gov). Each household is eligible to order four at-home test kits at no cost.

#### 2. Mask Wear:

- All persons receiving services or performing duties within MEDDAC, DENTAC, CYS, or Commissary facilities will continue to wear masks regardless of community transmission rates and vaccination status.**
- IAW SECDEF Memo, subject: Updated Mask Guidance for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities, 28 July 2021, Fort Irwin will evaluate the rate of transmission weekly IOT determine mask wear requirements.
- The installation rating is “Moderate.” Fully vaccinated personnel are not required to wear a mask. Unvaccinated personnel are always required to wear a mask when indoors or unable to maintain 6 feet of distance. This applies to all Service members, Federal employees, on-site contractor employees, residents, and visitors.**
- All unvaccinated children ages 2 and up are encouraged, per CDC guidelines, to wear masks while indoors or unable to maintain 6 feet of distance.
- All Service members will continue to follow local and state guidelines for mask wear when off the installation, or in a leave/pass status.

#### 3. Community and Social Events:

- Unit, neighborhood, religious, and social events are highly encouraged to promote community connection across Fort Irwin.
- As of 24 September 2021, DoD has restricted all meetings, events, and conferences to no more than 50 participants. This does not include exercises and mandatory training. As a result of this policy, social, community, and administrative events are limited to the 50-person cap. This policy does not apply to military classroom instruction, exercises, and field training. Units will consult their servicing judge advocate for specific guidance and interpretation. Requests for exceptions to this policy may be submitted through the NTC CG to the SECARMY.

**Paragraphs 1 and 2 are Punitive, and Punishable Under The UCMJ for Service Members**

**This Yellow Hash Message Supersedes All Other FICA General Orders and Yellow Hash Messages Concerning COVID-19**